

[5th March 1926]

two rupees. I would therefore only appeal to him to see if he cannot find out whether what is stated in this question is a fact and do something in the matter, at least by confidentially advising his subordinates."

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether the punishment of 100 village officers in the course of six months and the fining of Rs. 1,000 is a normal state of affairs and whether this is the way in which the administration of the Revenue Department is to be conducted ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. the Revenue Member has already stated that he is not impressed either by the number or the severity of the punishments."

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" I am only asking whether this state of affairs exists in every district."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not wish to go into hypothetical questions."

Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR :—" That is not a hypothetical question. It is a fact which I stated. If this is taken as the normal state of things which exists in every taluk in other districts, I ask whether it is worth while to carry on the administration of the Revenue Department with such officers."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not admit the inference."

### Criminal Tribes.

*Persons proposed to be registered under the Criminal Tribes Act, from 1913 to 1925.*

\* 1539 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of persons proposed for registration under the Criminal Tribes Act from 1913 till the end of 1925 in each year ;

(b) whether the whole lot so proposed were registered ; and

(c) whether any reasons were given as to why each of the individuals should be registered ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Proposals for registration under the Criminal Tribes Act are not submitted to Government in respect of persons individually. Proposals are submitted in respect of a tribe and the tribe is notified as a criminal tribe, if the Government are satisfied that the members are addicted to the systematic commission of non-bailable offences. When they issue a notification, the Government at the same time direct the District Magistrate to make, or cause to be made, a register of the members of the tribe within the limits of his jurisdiction. The District Magistrate has power to exempt any member of the tribe from registration. The selection of members of the tribe for registration is a matter within the discretion of the District Magistrate and reasons for their registration are not furnished by him to Government.